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METHOD THEREFOR, AND  
EXAMINATION METHOD FOR  
TEST PIECE FOR ORGANISM-  
ORIENTED SUBSTANCE

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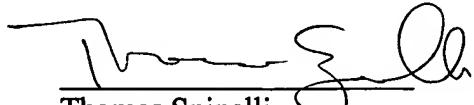
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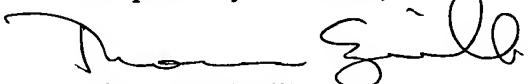
  
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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. 2000-235036, published August 29, 2000 together with corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0018185 A1, published August 30, 2001 to Akimoto;
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. 2003-130875, published May 8, 2003 together with corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0032040 A1, published February 13, 2003 to Park et al.

References 1 and 2 were cited in a Search Report dated June 24, 2003 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 1 and 2 has been described in the Search Report. The above-cited U.S. patent are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

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